

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:
lower and upper substrates facing each other;
a liquid crystal layer between the lower and upper substrates;
a first polarizing plate on the upper substrate;
a second polarizing plate below the lower substrate, the second polarizing plate comprising a passivation layer and having a light-diffusion layer on a surface thereof, wherein the light-diffusion layer is disposed in contact with the second polarizing plate; and
a backlight unit below the second polarizing plate,
wherein the light-diffusion layer directly contacts the passivation layer.

12. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein the second polarizing plate comprises a first adhesive layer, a first passivation layer, a polarizer, a second passivation layer, a second adhesive layer, a $\lambda/4$ phase shift plate, a third adhesive layer, a Cholesteric Liquid Crystal (CLC) layer, a third passivation layer, and the light-diffusion layer in order of proximity to the lower substrate.

13. (Original) The LCD device of claim 12, wherein the light-diffusion layer contacts a surface of the third passivation layer.

14. (Original) The LCD device of claim 13, wherein a plurality of projections are formed on one surface of the light-diffusion layer.

15. (Original) The LCD device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of projections have round shapes.

16. (Original) The LCD device of claim 14, wherein the plurality of projections have smooth curves.

17. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein the backlight unit comprises a light-scattering means.

18. (Currently Amended) The LCD device of claim 17, wherein the light-scattering means comprises a light-diffusion plate, a first prism sheet ~~below~~above the light-diffusion plate, and a second prism sheet ~~below~~above the first prism sheet.

19. (Original) The LCD device of claim 12, wherein a total of Haze of the first polarizing plate and Haze of the second polarizing plate is at least about 40%.

20. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein the light-diffusion layer is adjacent to the backlight unit.

21. (Previously Presented) The LCD device of claim 20, wherein no additional layers are disposed between the light-diffusion layer and the backlight unit.

22. (Original) The LCD device of claim 11, wherein a plurality of projections are formed on one surface of the light-diffusion layer.

23. (Original) The LCD device of claim 22, wherein the projections contact the backlight unit.

24. (Original) The LCD device of claim 23, wherein the projections contacting the backlight unit have shapes that do not substantially damage the backlight unit.

25. (Original) The LCD device of claim 14, wherein the adhesive layers are devoid of added beads.

26. (Original) The LCD device of claim 14, wherein the light-diffusion layer produces an amount of Haze, and a density of the projections is less than a density of beads that would have to be added to one of the adhesive layers to obtain the same amount of Haze.

27-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) A liquid crystal display (LCD) device comprising:
lower and upper substrates facing each other;

a liquid crystal layer between the lower and upper substrates;
a first polarizing plate on the upper substrate; and
a second polarizing plate below the lower substrate, the second polarizing plate comprising a passivation layer,
wherein a thin layer is the only layer disposed between passivation layer of the second polarizing plate and the light diffusion layer; and
a backlight unit below the second polarizing plate,
wherein the thin layer is thinner than the third passivation layer.